

ARTICLE APPEARED
ON PAGE 1

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL
28 November 1980

Washington Wire

TRANSITION TENSIONS crop up in the Carter-Reagan switchover.

Some Reagan transition leaders complain of resistance; the head of the President-elect's team at the Health and Human Services Department contends that the agency drags its feet on giving him 1982 budget material. White House aides counter that the Reaganites "have gone too far, too fast." Reagan transition chief Meese concedes a few transitioners may have "overstepped their bounds."

Some transition turmoil involves GOP infighting. Sen. Goldwater, ranking Republican on the Senate Intelligence Committee, tried to fire two committee staffers who took CIA transition jobs without telling him; other Senators reinstated the pair. Squabbling is reported among Reagan's defense transition advisers over the size of proposed military-budget increases.